

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
August 15, 2019**

1. Bunny LaDuke called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Marsha Keeler, Bunny LaDuke, Gina Berry, Tom Belco. Absent: Matthew Bradley, Sandra Lamorandier and Todd Overhuel. .
3. Approval of Minutes:

Gina Berry moved to accept and place on file the minutes of June, 13, 2019. Marsha Keeler supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:

Bob Nieuwenhuis was absent so Cheryl Pickett read over the notes he took to update the board on the DPW progress since the last meeting. They painted all the wood 4x4 posts and benches in the parks, they painted the lot posts and railing throughout the parks black, they are still working on the circle drive in lower Cook Park. The hanging baskets have all been taken down for the season. They trimmed the trees that were voted on to not take down (June 13th 2019 meeting) for the lady on Second Ave. She was very happy for the compromise. (The board members were very happy about this). The area around the band shell was trimmed and cleaned up along with the Riverwalk. The concrete at NAPA (Plainwell Auto) is finished and a new evergreen tree was planted in memory of Tad Gluchowski. The Sun Lot is complete. (Marsha Keeler noticed a tree that was dead in the Sun Lot Cheryl will let Bob know tomorrow).

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report - Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that the park looks good. Bunny LaDuke spoke about the Blue Starr Memorial rock being moved from Sherwood Park to the corner of E. Bridge St and Acorn St and how the area looked beautiful with the bench and new textured cement. She would like to see a rededication take place there for Veterans Day this year. We will reach out to the VFW John Roggow or Dick Lubic. She just feels it just needs a few shrubs or trees to touch it up.

Pell Park Maintenance Report - Todd Overhuel, Sandra Lamorandier

Sandy was absent so no report was available.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report - Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that the park looks good but the ferns need more water maybe some mulch around them would help.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Tom Belco

Tom reported that he is very concerned about the safety near the pickle ball courts because people are parking in the road so it could prevent emergency vehicles from getting through there in case of a medical emergency. A suggestion was made that a sign be put up saying (No parking in the road). Tom will also discuss this with Bob Nieuwenhuis soon.

Bunny was concerned that the big dog park has a lot of space that isn't being used so maybe we could move the fence over about 10 yards or so to have more green space for the pavilion people. **Marsha made a motion and Tom supported with a voice vote carried the motion in recommending the DPW move the fence over to allow some extra green space in that area.** Tom also would like to consider that the board should be able to vote to recommend future fencing or road issues before they take place.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew was absent so no report was available

Darrow Park Maintenance Report - Sandy Lamorandier

Sandra was absent so no report was available.

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report

Gina reported that the area looks fine.

5. New Business

A. _Consumers passed along some information to Bob about a tree grant program. The board liked the idea and wanted the city to look more into this. **Tom Belco made a motion and Marsha Keeler supported that the city should consider applying for this grant. A voice vote motion carried unanimously.**

B.

6. Open Business

A. Dog Park update

The parking safety issues were addressed earlier in the meeting.

7. Public Comments

None.

8. Staff Comments

The staff comments were addressed early in the meeting.

9. Chairman's Report

None.

10. Commissioners' Comments

Marsha Keeler feels we shouldn't use the black metal planters anymore and go back to using all cement pots next year. There was discussion from the board to seek out another vendor/greenhouse to order next year's flowers from and also cut back on some of the baskets and pots. By doing this we can get plants that are bigger and more established. **A motion was made by Tom Belco and supported by Marsha Keeler to recommend the city explore other vendors/greenhouses for next year. On a voice vote the motion was carried.**

A memorial bench or tree was discussed for Rick Brooks & Nancy Heilig.

Bunny mentioned that the weeds on the overpass of 131 need some attention.

11. Items For Next Agenda

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, September, 12, 2019 at 5 PM.

13. Adjournment

Tom Belco moved to adjourn the meeting. Marsha Keeler supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Pickett